

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Jian ZHAO *et al.*

Group Art Unit: 1625

Application No.: 10/601,314

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For: METHODS OF MAKING AND USING THEAFLAVIN,  
THEAFLAVIN-3-GALLATE, THEAFLAVIN-3'-GALLATE  
AND THEAFLAVIN 3,3'-DIGALLATE AND MIXTURES  
THEREOF

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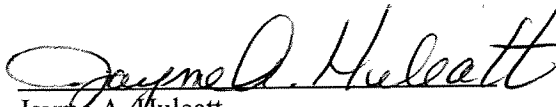
**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

In response to the Statement of Reasons for the Indication of Allowable Subject matter in the Notice of Allowability dated August 4, 2006 the following comments are submitted under 37 C.F.R. 1.104(e).

While Applicants believe that the claims are allowable and patentably distinguishable over the prior art, Applicants do not acquiesce that patentability resides in each feature, exactly as expressed in the claims, nor that each and every feature is required for patentability. Applicants submit that patentability is based on the claimed invention as a whole, and not solely on one or more particular features recited in the allowed claims.

Respectfully submitted

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